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teachers thing, too, is NSEA and all the work they did to try to elect the senators that they wanted to elect. And then on top of that, they...all the advertisements we've seen since that on television and radio. And this all comes from our teachers. All this money comes from our teachers. So that's another concern of mine. But getting back to this here amendment of Bourne's, I'm not sure exactly what I'm going to do with it yet, to know what the bottom line is on it. So...but I'm more interested in Maxwell's amendment to LB 305. And I think I might have to vote for that to see how that comes out. With that, I think I'll close, and I'll give the rest of my balance of my time to Senator Erdman, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, you have about two and a half minutes.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I just rise briefly to correct the record. Senator Pedersen mentioned earlier...Dwite Pedersen...about nobody caring about the university's \$57 million increase. And AM1723 (LB 543) did actually address that, as well as what others have said here. So I wanted to correct that, and also state that that discussion was also held prior to his speaking today. So, thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman and Senator Jones. Senator Price, your light is next.

SENATOR PRICE: Senator Cudaback and members of the body, I rise to oppose this amendment. I firmly believe that this comes across to me as a mandate. And one size does not fit all in all school districts, with the variety of school districts we have across the state. Different school districts have different challenges as far as numbers of special ed. And I just shake my head in amazement at this amendment. It does make us...well, the public has always said that the schools are heavy at the top, cut out some of those people at the top, put the money down into the classrooms and the people that are in the trenches. But I don't know how this would be possible in order to do this legislation. Certainly those are people that are paid a lot of money, the people at the top. And if that money was filtered